

REMARKS

Claims 8-18 and 20-21 are currently pending. Claims 8-18 were previously withdrawn. Claims 1-7 are canceled herein. Claim 19 was canceled in a previous communication. Claims 20 and 21 are currently amended into independent claims that recite the deposited material finding support on page 8, paragraph 2 of the specification. No new matter is added. All claim cancellations and amendments are made without prejudice or disclaimer solely in order to expedite prosecution.

Claims 1-7 and 20-21 are objected to. Claims 1-7 are canceled, thereby mooting the objection. Appropriate correction has been made to claims 20-21 by amendment, thereby obviating the objection.

Claims 20-21 are rejected under 35 USC § 112, enabling deposit. Applicants note that a deposit was properly made under the rules of the Budapest Treaty for Deposit of Microorganisms. As proof, Applicants have provided a copy of the deposit documents in Japanese as well as an English translation thereof. In compliance with MPEP § 2411.05, the Applicants note that the original specification references the deposits on page 8, paragraph 2. Thus, no new matter is added. Finally, a statement of deposit in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.808 is appended herewith. As such, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, written description. Without acceding to the rejection, Applicants have canceled claims 1-7, thereby mooting the rejection.

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, scope of enablement. Without acceding to the rejection, Applicants have canceled claims 1-7, thereby mooting the rejection.

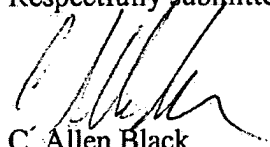
Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 USC § 102 as being anticipated by Kawahara et al (1999, Human Antibodies, Vol. 9, pages 83-87). Without acceding to the rejection, Applicants have canceled claims 1-7 claims, thereby mooting the rejection.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have timely filed this response. In the event that an additional fee is required for this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0436.

Applicants believe that this application is in condition for allowance. However, should the Examiner have any questions or comments, or need any additional information from Applicant's attorney, please contact the undersigned at his convenience.

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